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Mr. Richard W. Gates, Remediation Project Manager
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: General Electric's March 18, 2008, Report Titled *Allendale School Property -- Supplemental Soil Removal Report*, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Gates:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in receipt of your March 18, 2008 report titled *Allendale School Property --Supplemental Soil Removal Report* (the "Report"), relating to the soil removal operation conducted at the Allendale School grounds in Pittsfield during December 2007 and January 2008.


In addition to the application of grass seed and starter fertilizer conducted at the time of the excavation activities and described in the Report, EPA requests that GE provide a restoration plan detailing the installation of plantings within the excavation area and between the excavation area and the baseball diamond backstop. The restoration plan shall indicate the number, species and size of plantings to be installed as well as the specific installation locations. The restoration plan shall also include a schedule for the installation of the plantings and a description of a plan for maintaining the plantings.

In the next to last paragraph on page 2 of the Report, GE stated that it was agreeing to implement the actions at Allendale School in the interest of cooperation, reserving its legal position that such actions are subject to the United States' covenants in the Consent Decree. EPA notes GE's position, but reserves its right to argue that the Allendale School removal described in the March 19 report is not subject to the United States' Decree covenants.

GE shall submit a restoration plan for EPA approval within 10 days of receipt of this letter. Restoration activities shall be implemented within 14 days of EPA approval of the restoration plan.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at (617)918-1882.

Sincerely,



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